

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0213

**Title:** Increase wheat and barley assessments

**Primary Sponsor:** Nelson, L

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b>FY 2004 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2005 Difference</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Wheat and Barley Committee is administratively attached to the department and has the authority to raise fees within the limits established by the Legislature in statute.
2. This bill only allows the committee to increase fees as necessary.
3. The bill increases the maximum assessment on wheat grown, delivered, stored and sold by commercial firms in Montana of not more than 10 mills per bushel to not more than 20 mills per bushel. It also increases the maximum assessment of each hundred-weight (cwt) of barley grown, delivered, or stored and sold through commercial channels in Montana from not more than 15 to not more than 30 mills per cwt.
4. The Wheat and Barley Committee has authority to set the assessment on wheat and barley by rule up the maximum allowed in 80-11-206, MCA. The current assessments are 10 mills per bushel of wheat and 15 mills per each hundredweight of barley. The increase in revenue cannot be calculated until the Wheat and Barley Committee changes the current assessments.
5. Each 1-mill increase in the wheat assessment will generate \$159,387 in revenue based on a ten-year average of 159,387,000 bushel of wheat produced in Montana. Each 1 mill increase in the barley assessment will generate \$19,354 in revenue based on a ten-year average of 80 percent of 24,192,000 cwt of barley produced in Montana (approximately 20 percent of the barley production does not go into commercial channels).